Ministry of Industry

Department of Heavy Industry:

	Programmes	*Comments*
i.	Programme for adult Literacy	1. Hindustan Salts Ltd. Heavy Engg. Corpn. Ltd., Ranchi, Hindustan Cables Ltd., and Scooters India Ltd., opened Adult Education Centres at their units. Distribution of of writing material for school children in nearby villages having predominatly Harijan and Backward Classes population was also taken up by them. "Baba Saheb Ambedkar Centenary Sports meets" were
ii.	Distribution of writing material for school children nearby villages having predominantly Harijan and backward classes population	
iii.	Conducting of debates, essay competitions etc. on the subject.	

[*Translation*]

Sri Lankan Refugees

*135. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sri. Lankan refugees who migrated to India during each of the last three years; and

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government on them during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Governments of Tamil Nadu and Orissa have reported arrival in India of 1,22,296 Sri Lankan refugees during the last three years. The year-wise breakup is as follows:

Year	*No. arrived*
1989-90	3,557
1990-91	1,18,732
1991-92	7
	1,22,296

(b) Expenditure of Rs. 39.03 crores has so far been incurred by the Union Government on providing relief facilities and accommodation to these refugees during the above mentioned period.

Development of Tribal areas

* 136. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an apex body at the national level for the expansion of co-operatives set-up in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). An apex body at the National level i.e. Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) has been set up with the following objectives: